



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tetsuo TANIGUCHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2877

Application No.: 09/593,800

Examiner: P. Natividad

Filed: June 15, 2000

Docket No.: 106514

For: STAGE DEVICE AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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In reply to the May 7, 2003 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims;

**Remarks.**